

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend independent claims 1, 48, and 100.
2. Amend editorially claims 7 – 8, 57 – 59, and 110-111.
3. Cancel claims 12 – 14, 62 – 64, and 115 - 117 without prejudice or disclaimer.
4. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 14, 64, and 117.
5. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.
6. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.
7. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (see section C infra)..

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 1, 48, and 110 have been amended to include therein the limitations of allowable claims 14, 64, and 117, as well as intervening claims 13, 63, and 116, respectively. The “sensed operational parameter” feature of the independent claims (added in the previous amendment) has been omitted from the now amended version as unnecessary, it being noted that no rationale was previously articulated for rejection of allowable claims 14, 64, and 117. Accordingly, the independent claim (and all claims dependent thereon) are now deemed allowable.

The “sensed operational parameter” feature has instead been included in dependent claims 7 – 8, 57 – 58, and 110 – 11.

C. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider and cite the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) electronically filed on December 14, 2006.

In addition, Applicant advised the Examiner of the electronic submission on same date herewith of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) calling attention to reference(s) cited in a co-pending application.

Consideration and citation of all references is respectfully requested.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all rejections and for allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, a formal indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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